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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 20, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jose Blanco-Ulloa was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Court Judge Janis L. Sammartino to serve 70 months in custody, based on Blanco-Ulloa's conviction for importation of methamphetamine. Judge Sammartino also ordered that Blanco-Ulloa serve a three-year term of supervised release following the completion of his prison term. Blanco-Ulloa must also pay a \$100.00 special assessment.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale Blankenship, who prosecuted the case, Blanco-Ulloa's conviction arises from his arrest at the San Ysidro, California, Port of Entry on February 6, 2008, where he was the registered owner, sole occupant, and driver of a vehicle that contained 11.50 kilograms/24.31 pounds of methamphetamine concealed in the dashboard of the vehicle.

This case stems from an investigation conducted by agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and officers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 08CR0642-JLS

Jose Blanco-Ulloa

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960 (Importation of Methamphetamine)

AGENCIES

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement
Customs and Border Protection